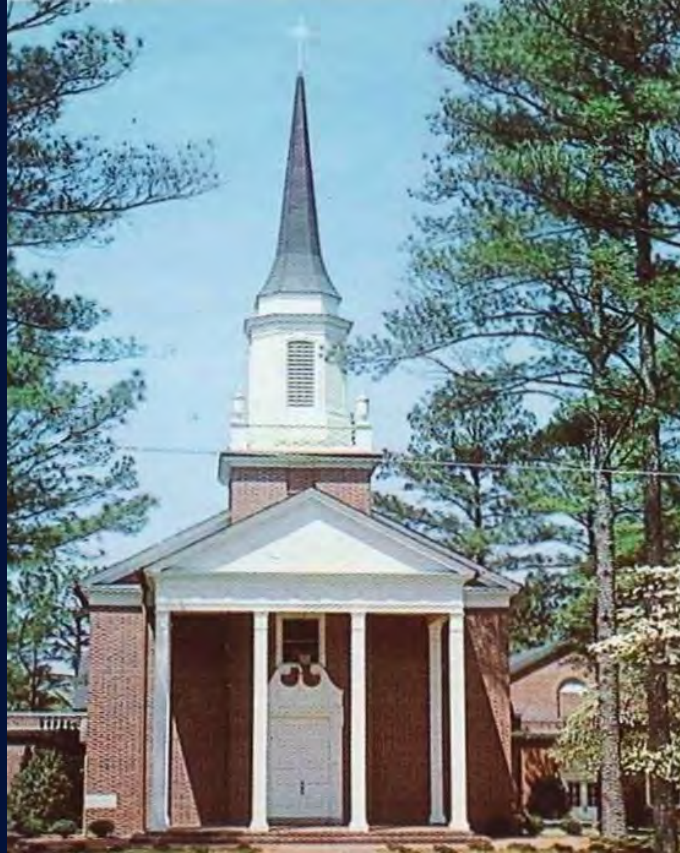


BROWNSON

MEMORIAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A missional community called to love and live in Christ



*Ninety Years of Grace
Our Story
God's Faithfulness*

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Brownson Bells October 2025

Dear Brownson Family,

As we approach Brownson's 90th anniversary, we find ourselves filled with gratitude for God's faithfulness. For nine decades, God has worked through this church to proclaim the gospel, nurture disciples, care for our neighbors, and serve our community with love. Our story has always been one of grace: ordinary people stepping out in faith, brick by brick, gift by gift, year after year.

That same faithfulness continues today. Brownson is a vibrant spiritual home where children are formed in faith, students are mentored, adults are equipped to follow Christ, and older generations are honored. Together, we are a community that worships deeply, serves sacrificially, and welcomes warmly.

At the same time, we face a challenge that requires us to act together in faith.

The Challenge We Face — and Why Now

The most significant financial pressures today are health care–related expenses, which continue to rise unpredictably. These costs are beyond our control, yet their impact is immediate and long-term.

- In 2025, the Board of Pensions (through whom PCUSA churches are required to provide benefits) implemented a **33% increase in health care costs** for ordained staff.
- By 2026, this will add nearly **\$50,000 annually** to Brownson's operating budget. Staff members are already absorbing 10% of this increase personally, but the majority must be covered by the church.
- In addition, inflation and wage growth across all sectors mean Brownson must keep pace with fair and competitive compensation. Staff stability is not just a financial matter—it is essential for trust, momentum, and effective ministry.

This is not a temporary challenge. It represents a new reality that requires a strategic, systematic, and sustainable response.

God's Faithfulness and Our Response

Brownson's story reminds us that God always provides through the faithfulness of His people. From the pine needle baskets sold to start the church in the Great Depression, to Aunt Sis giving up a new coat so she could give to Brownson instead, this church has always been sustained by faithful generosity.

As we celebrate "90 Years of Grace: Our Story, God's Faithfulness" this fall (October 5 – November 2, 2025), we will remember how God has been with us and renew our commitment to carry Brownson into the future. Each week, we will hear stories of purpose, perseverance, provision, presence, and promise—all pointing us to the God who is faithful from generation to generation.

An Invitation to Step Forward Together

In light of these realities, we are asking every household to prayerfully consider a **10% increase in your pledge** for 2026, if you are able. If each of us takes a step forward, together we can carry this weight, sustain our ministries, and ensure that Brownson remains strong for the next generation.

Friends, the Lord has indeed done great things for us, and we are filled with joy (Psalm 126:3). Now we are invited to trust that the same God who has carried us these 90 years will continue to lead us forward.

Thank you for your faith, your generosity, and your love for Brownson. We are honored to walk this journey with you.

With gratitude and hope,

Lisa Hughes 2026 Campaign Co-Chair

David Wood 2026 Campaign Co-Chair

John Hage, Senior Pastor

Session Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church

Kameron D Monroe
Chris Hunt
R. Hage
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Megan S
T. Hage
Lee Titman
Kory Hage
Andy B.
Chris W. K.
David Wood



*Ninety Years of Grace
Our Story
God's Faithfulness*

Tuesday Evening Group

(dinner & childcare provided)

Facilitators: Jared & Kelli Garbett

Theology on Tap (Men's group)

Facilitators: Charles Harris & Gerald Ostlund

Wednesdays—6 PM @ Location TBD

Tuesday Morning Group

Facilitator: Pat Smith

Tuesdays—10 AM @ Church Library

Zoom Group

Facilitator: Marvin Hage

Thursdays—7 PM @ Zoom

Donuts and Devotionals

Facilitators: Bill Rock & Austin Vernon

Sundays—10:15 AM @ Conference Room C

Monday Afternoon Group

Facilitator: Debbie Brooks

Mondays —12 PM @ Conference Room C

Wednesday Afternoon Group

Facilitator: Pat Henry

Wednesdays—3:30 PM @ Conference Room B

Thrive (Men's group)

Facilitator: John Hage

Wednesdays—7 AM @ Conference Room C

Sisters in Faith

Facilitators: Amelia Kirkland & Stacey Ostlund

Wednesdays—6 PM @ Rotating Homes

Tuesday Afternoon Group

Facilitator: Elizabeth Doolin

Tuesdays—1 PM @ Conference Room C

90 Years of Grace: Our Story, God's Faithfulness

As we prepare to celebrate Brownson's 90th anniversary this fall, we pause to remember that our story is not simply about buildings, budgets, or programs—it is a story of God's grace. For ninety years, God has called ordinary people in this community to step out in faith, to give sacrificially, and to build a spiritual home that has blessed generations.

This October, we will journey together in a five-week series called "90 Years of Grace: Our Story, God's Faithfulness." Each week we will reflect on a central theme—Purpose, Perseverance, Provision, Presence, and Promise—drawing wisdom from Scripture and remembering moments from Brownson's history that reveal God's hand at work.

Our prayer is that this series will not only remind us of how God has been faithful in the past but also inspire us to live with courage, generosity, and hope for the future. May we, like those who came before us, trust that God is still leading us forward.

The 2025 Fall Small Group Series runs from the week of October 5 through the week of November 2. You can sign up for a small group online by visiting the church website, calling the church office, or emailing Austin Vernon your small group choice at discipleship@brownsonchurch.org.

COMMUNION CALENDAR

Sunday, September 7

Sunday, October 5

Sunday, November 2

SESSION DIGEST

Session Digest - September 15, 2025

The Session of Brownson met on Monday, September 15.

Elder Alex Bowness presented the meeting’s devotional, which was a reflection based on Acts 4: 23-31. Despite events around us and at the national and global levels, God is in control. We should respond with faithfulness and act boldly and courageously as Christ’s disciples.

Elder Lee Pittman, Chair of the Property and Grounds Cmt. reviewed details of the final proposal of a renovation project for the BMPC playground, necessitated by a significant issue related to poor drainage. The selected proposal from Barrs Recreation was reviewed in detail and approved by Session vote. The cost of the project will be shared between Brownson Learning Center (80%) and BMPC (20%).

Jane Howard, Chair of Congregational Care presented a proposal to change the process in which new members are welcomed to BMPC. Rather than do so at the monthly Session meetings, the process would occur on the first Sunday of each month at a called Session meeting between services. The proposal to trial this approach through the remainder of 2025, beginning October 5th was approved by Session vote.

Art Edgerton, Clerk of Session shared an update regarding combining a Session retreat with the church wide retreat scheduled for November 7-9. After weighing various Elder and staff input, it has been decided to keep these events separate and tentatively consider Saturday, January 24, 2026 as a possible date for a Session retreat locally at BMPC.



Moms of All Ages and Stages

This group meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7 PM in the Youth Suite. We read books, spend time together, and discuss our faith and families. We’re kicking off the year on Wednesday, October 8, at 7 PM, with a meal at Vito’s. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Elizabeth Doolin at elizabeth@brownsonchurch.org.

Bridges of Faith: An Interfaith Dialogue

Join Brownson friends and others in the community for an engaging interfaith panel discussion at Sandhills Community College on Sunday, October 26, at 2 PM. As we learn more about the Christian, Jewish, and Islamic faith traditions, we hope to build bridges of understanding and friendship, while celebrating the rich diversity in our community.

The event is free to the public, but registration is required. You can sign up using the QR code or the website link included in the event flyer. Seats are going fast, so sign up now!



GLOBAL MISSIONS



Save the Date – Rise Against Hunger

Please join us on Sunday, October 19, in Fellowship Hall for our annual Rise Against Hunger food packing event. Adults, youth, and children of all ages are encouraged to participate in this fun, intergenerational service opportunity as we pack 20,000 meals to combat food insecurity around the world. Registration details can be found here: <http://events.riseagainsthunger.org/BrownsonMemorialPres25>.

Bridges of Faith:

An Interfaith Dialogue

A Community Panel & Conversation

Join us for a moderated interfaith gathering presented by members of the Jewish, Christian, and Muslim communities.

This special event offers a chance to come together in a spirit of mutual respect, learning, and understanding.

Panelists from each faith tradition will share insights, values, and personal stories in a lively, respectful conversation—professionally moderated to encourage open dialogue and meaningful connection.

Through conversation, we aim to build bridges across our faiths and celebrate the rich diversity within our community.

All are welcome—regardless of background—to listen, learn, and connect.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26

2:00 PM

Foundation Hall, Sandhills Community College

FREE Event — Registration REQUIRED

<https://sandhillsscc-register.fundfive.com/course/section/22536>



Presented in partnership with:

Sandhills Community College,
Brownson Memorial Presbyterian
Church, Sandhills Jewish
Congregation – Beth Shalom,
& Masjid Al Madina





Fall is in the air, and that means another school year is underway at the Learning Center! In September, we welcomed almost 90 toddlers and pre-schoolers from our Moore County community back to our campus in 8 different classes. The children enjoy making new friends, learning about our school routines, playing, and growing in knowledge.

Our older students attend children's church in the Sanctuary on Wednesdays each week, learning about the bible and how God loves and equips each of us. We sing, listen, and pray and are amazed at how much even our youngest children soak up the good news of Jesus and his promises in the bible.

The BLC staff and I are so thankful for the opportunity to teach and care for these children each day. It is such a privilege to introduce these little ones to their school years and to provide families with a few hours each week knowing their children are loved!



A while ago in the pop music world, Pharrell Williams released the hit single, "Happy" and social media hits along streaming downloads skyrocketed. It was the best-selling song of 2014 in the United States with 6.45 million copies sold, as well as in the United Kingdom with 1.5 million copies sold and became the most downloaded song of all time in the country. The music video has over 1.4 billion views on YouTube today.

I will admit, I like the song. It's just so...well... Happy! The video shows people of all age, race and class, dancing and smiling and clapping. This is a good thing. There's even a church choir in the video. Sometimes, I like to listen to it while I'm cooking.

Then I considered the lyrics:

"Because I'm happy
Clap along if you feel like a room without a roof,
Because I'm happy,
Clap along if you feel like happiness is the truth,
Because I'm happy,
Clap along if you know what happiness is to you,
Because I'm happy,
Clap along if you feel like that's what you wanna do".

It doesn't really say much, but who care? In the moment, that song makes me feel happy.

I've been thinking a lot lately about hymns. Words wrapped in familiar tunes come back to me with great fondness. Hymns of praise like, "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling". The last stanza is a particular favorite –

"Finish, then, Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see Thy great salvation, Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, 'Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, Lost in wonder, love, and praise."

Hymns of joy, trust, and hope like "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee."

My favorite stanza sings:

"Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine."

Hymns of longing to be "Nearer My God to Thee" and promise that "Yes, we'll gather at the river that flows by the throne of God". Hymns of dedication, "Heart of my own Heart whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of All."

MUSIC NOTES



These words are tucked in my heart, available at a moment's notice, just when I need them most. These songs have been with me through out my life and continue to be a guide and constant friend. I'm so grateful for the rich heritage of hymns given to me from childhood and for the privilege to share that same gift with others.

The "Happy" song - like a fair-weather friend - doesn't require much and is fun for the moment. But I will continue exploring hymns, both old and new, as it is the lifelong friends who require more attention, and ultimately mean the most.

Amy

THE CHANCEL CHOIR MEETS TO REHEARSE
ON WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM IN THE MUSIC
SUITE—ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE HANDBELL CHOIR MEETS TO REHEARSE
ON WEDNESDAYS AT 5:45 PM IN THE
HANDBELL ROOM.



Brownson Youth

Brownson Youth had a wonderful start to the programmatic year, and it was great to see so many new and familiar faces. October is a big, fun month so here's what's coming up for Brownson Youth.

October 5 - Youth Group. 5-7 PM. Youth Suite.

October 12 - Youth Group. 5-7 PM. Youth Suite.

October 19 - Rise Against Hunger after the 11:10 AM service. All youth and their families are invited to participate in this service project. Youth Group. 5-7 PM. Youth Suite.

October 26 - Trunk or Treat. 4-6 PM. The youth help run games for this fun community event. We will be asking for candy and baked goods donations. No regular youth group.

High School Bible Study will meet at PineScone Southern Pines 7:30-8:20 AM on October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.

This year in youth group the theme verse is **Psalm 139:14: "I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well."** Throughout the year we will be talking about our identity in Christ and who Scripture says we are as followers of Jesus. Youth will hear that they are children of God, the light of the world, God's delight, beloved and sought out by Christ. At a time in their lives when their identity is shaped by so many outside influences, the youth need to hear that who they are in Christ is more important than anything else.



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YOUTH

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Brownson Kids had a wonderful kickoff IN September! We are diving into our exploration of The Old Testament, and the kids amaze us with how eager they are to learn.

Brownson Preschool families had a wonderful Pizza in the Park event. The fellowship and fun among the little ones is incredible!

Here are important dates to remember coming up for October:

October 5 – 5th Grade Milestones Session kicks off at 10:15, Kids Music returns to Kids Connect at 5 PM.

October 19 – Rise Against Hunger – 12:30 PM (No Kids Connect)

October 26 – Brownson Little Friends 4th Sunday at 10:15, 5th Grade Milestone Presentation in Worship at 11:10, Trunk or Treat – 4 – 6 PM

November 2 – Kids Singing in Worship



BROWNSON KIDS MILESTONE PROGRAM

Celebrations of
Faith Formation and
Biblical Discovery

5TH GRADE	IDENTITY IN CHRIST	Oct. 5, 12, 19 – Worship Presentation Oct. 26
4TH GRADE	BEING A FOLLOWER OF JESUS	Nov. 2, 9, 16– Worship Presentation Nov. 23
ALL GRADES	AN ADVENT CELEBRATION	Dec. 7, 14– Worship Presentation Dec. 21
3RD GRADE	BIBLE DISCOVERY	Jan. 4, 11, 25 – Worship Presentation Feb. 1
2ND GRADE	COMMUNION AND WORSHIP	Feb. 1, 8, 15– Worship Presentation Feb. 22
1ST GRADE	JESUS AND ME	March 1, 8, 15– Worship Presentation March 22
KINDERGARTEN	WHO IS GOD?	April 12, 19, 26– Worship Presentation May 3

GROW IN FAITH

GROW IN FELLOWSHIP

GROW IN LOVE

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KIDS**
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Local Missions

Mission Statement:

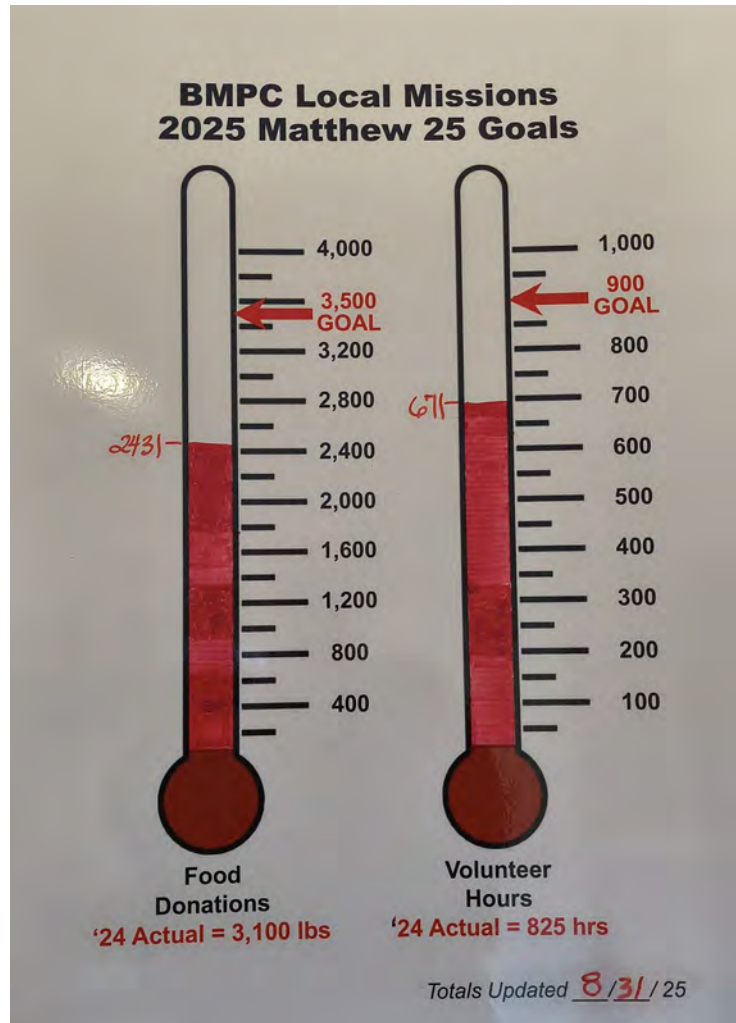
To mobilize God's people to build relationships and alleviate community suffering.

The Shoe Drive for North Moore Family Resource Center was such a huge success...thank you all for your generosity!

Our thermometer is right on schedule...our goals are 2/3 met. Sadly, our volunteer opportunity at the Food Bank has been discontinued through the end of the year due to loss of funding and loss of the lease on the volunteer warehouse. Stay tuned for more information!

If you're looking for a volunteer commitment, Brownson Buddies could use your help one hour each week on Mondays working with a third-grade student at Southern Pines Elementary. Please prayerfully consider making a difference for a child!

We will be starting our coat drive for SPE in November, for distribution in December! Please bring new or gently used coats for kindergarten through high school! The coats not used at SPE will be given to the CARE group families.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women of Brownson had their fall gathering on Monday, September 15. Their guest speaker was Dr. Sheryl Brownlee, Assistant Director of Volunteer Services at First Health.

This fall, we will have our popular notecards for sale again this Fall...details to come in the November newsletter.

If you're a Brownson woman who is looking for fun, fellowship, excellent Bible study, and mission, please select a circle that is convenient to your schedule and join us. We'd love to have you!



Circles

CIRCLE 2 2 nd Tuesday—10 AM Room C	Elaine Sills elainemorgansills@gmail.com	910-690-5379
CIRCLE 3 2 nd Monday—11 AM Room C	Sandra Olbon foxbuntlane@gmail.com	910-603-4804
CIRCLE 4 1 st Thursday—10:15 AM Room C	Kathy McPherson kathy@clanmcpherson.com	910-420-0413
CIRCLE 6 2 nd Monday—10 AM Room B	Libby Marsh 72bulbqueen18@gmail.com	910-690-9600
CIRCLE 7 3RD WEDNESDAY – 11 AM Room C	Lisa Beck eliza.beck7@gmail.com	910-639-5827



The 2025–2026 PW Horizons Bible study is titled "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" and is authored by Rhashell D. Hunter. The study explores how to find resilience, joy, and a true identity in Jesus Christ, even in difficult circumstances. It features biblical characters and Jesus as models for resilience and joy, and offers suggestions for leaders to facilitate group study.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**



Men's Tuesday Fellowship Breakfast – This men's group meets the first and third Tuesday of every month at 7 AM at Sizzlin' Steak or Eggs. For more information, please contact Bill Berger at bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com.

A Fall Bible Study on the Book of Matthew: Join Alice Herrington's in-depth Bible study which begins on September 10, from 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM in the Cornerstone Conference Room. It will be a 10-week study. If you have questions or need information, please contact Rev. Austin Vernon (discipleship@brownsonchurch.org) or Bill Berger (bill.ctr.berger1@gmail.com or 334.398.1941).

SUNDAY MORNING SPOTLIGHT

The Ligon Bible Class

Starting in the 1950's, The Ligon Bible Class, has an endearing niche as the oldest standing adult Sunday School class at Brownson. It was named after an early Brownson minister, the Reverend Cheves Ligon. Since its inception, the lessons emphasized the Bible, God's Word, as the primary source of understanding the meaning of the Christian faith. The quarterly Bible study, *The Present Word*, has been used in the Ligon class for almost 30 years. The denominational partners have cooperatively developed systematic study guides for 150 years of educational ministry. Its current development team, Cycle 24 (2022-2028), chose biblical scripture for every era of God's salvation history.

Member Martha Thomas reminisces, "I have been active in the Ligon class for over 50 years, and I have learned so much; and I love the fact that the lessons are Bible-based". A more recent member, Millie Mills says, "this Bible study, particularly the Old Testament, is hard for me. It makes me study. And the social part has brought me closer to the Church; I really feel a sense of belonging."

A long-time tradition is to take a collection each week, a buck a week. Together, we decide where our offering can help inside Brownson or beyond our walls.

For over 70 years, the Ligon class has had a string of excellent teachers: Reverend Robert Allen, Reverend Bill Giles, Michael Walsh, Katherine Ewing, and former NC Governor Jim Holshouser to name a few. It is currently facilitated by Trent Carter and Linda Branch.

You are welcome to join us on Sunday mornings at 10am in Conference Room B. We will provide a study book for you. You can dive in at any week. Each weekly lesson can stand on its own; although the richness of the *Present Word* study is how God reveals himself week after week.

The Living Word Today

Come join us on Sundays at 10 AM in Conference Room A or on ZOOM for lively and Biblically-based discussions! We focus on non-political topics straight out of this week's news.

The topics are supplied by the web site, *The Wired Word*, and are led by a different facilitator each week.

Gail says, "I really enjoy discussing current events through the lens of scripture and what we believe as Christians."

Sharon says, "We were seeking the right church for us and found in the LWT Class caring folks who quickly became friends. This has led us both to involvement in other aspects of the church. The lessons are timely, thought provoking and Bible-based. The leaders always bring an insightful view to their lessons."

Donuts and Devotionals

Join us on Sunday mornings at 10 AM in Conference Room C for lively discussions about the Bible! We often use *Follow Me* curricula to focus our discussions on biblical themes in the Old and New Testaments. We love it when people ask thoughtful questions about scripture.

Sometimes we know the answer, sometimes we don't, but we're all on the journey of seeking greater understanding in our faith!

Wendy, a beloved member of Donuts and Devotionals, shares this, "Before I started attending this class, I didn't always know my purpose in coming to church. When I found this group, though, it opened so many doors. I'm learning so much about the Bible I never knew before. I can ask questions and learn from all of you. I feel much more connected to the larger church because of this class!" Come as you are! We have a seat saved for you. We'd love for you to be part of our Donuts and Devotionals family!

Brownson Memorial
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*“Resources to help
grow your faith”*

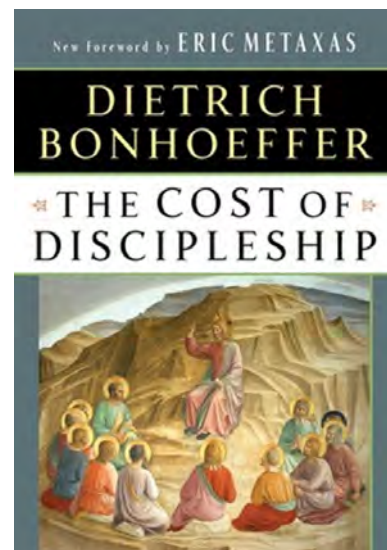
Brownson Church Library

The Library is open Monday through Thursday from
9 AM to 4 PM in the Cornerstone Building.



STAFF PICK—JOHN HAGE—SENIOR PASTOR

If you're looking for a book that will stretch and inspire your faith, Bonhoeffer's *The Cost of Discipleship* is a classic. It's not always easy, but it's deeply rewarding—a reminder that following Jesus is both costly and full of grace. I'd also encourage you to pick up anything by Frederick Buechner, whose writing feels like a wise friend pointing you toward God with humor and honesty. One of the joys of our church is the library—you'll often find me tucked in there, working on a sermon and drawing from the treasure of resources we have together. You can check out this book found on our shelves at 241.5 BON.



Here is a selection of titles to complement the Care 101 class, all available to be checked out from the library.



To complement the Fall Bible Study on the Book of Matthew, here are a few commentaries and a Bible Dictionary that can be checked out. Other Commentaries on the Book of Matthew are also available in our Reference section.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

October 1

Christal Cole
Sara Polkow
Teddy Tanea
Teddy Tanea
Melody Williams
David Wood
Katherine Woolford

October 2

Bob Daane

October 3

Ray D'Ostroph
Will Strickland

October 4

Kelli Garbett
Mary Margaret Watson

October 5

Molli Beeson
Daniel McCall

October 6

Joseph Davis
Linda Hamel
Marilee Huntley
Pam Moore
Cornelia Morris
Kathy Scarborough

October 7

Tom Bryant
Hershell Cole
Brenda Litton
Lacy McGuire
Carol Monroe
Leigh Ann Platt
Diane Westbrook

October 8

Lara Ellis
Gerrie Reeves

October 9

Anne Krahnert

October 10

Meredith Clifton
Pierce Gallagher
Marjorie Heffner
Bo Johnson
Kara Vonderkall

October 11

Sheila McLeod
Joe Parrish

October 12

Daphne Broadwell
Ava Depenbrock
Jeanie Riordan
Victor Smith

October 12

Daphne Broadwell
Ava Depenbrock
Jeanie Riordan
Victor Smith

October 13

Steve Leggett
Holly Pandich

October 14

Jeffery Moran
Myrtis Morrison
Walker Myrick

October 15

Elizabeth Blasko
Missy Quis
Arnold Seawell

October 16

James Beddingfield
Rudy Fleischmann
Fred Monroe
Don Power

October 17

Sara Conti
Michael Martin
Bob Newman

October 18

Natalie Blanton
Jim Goulden
Tracie Marino
Claude Morris
Felice Ryals

October 19

Byna Batson
Angela Zumwalt
Owen Ulrich

October 20

Emma Berg
David Greeley
William Huntley
Julie Haro

October 21

Kay Bullard
Mike Williams
Keith Walvoord

October 22

Lia Keane
Michael McGowan

October 23

Jamie McCall
Wendy Preble

October 24

Chase Ivey
Steve Smith

October 25

James Broadwell
Robbie Zalznick

October 26

Caroline Kirkland
Mary Smith

October 27

Johanna Edens
Doug Lam
Lillian Pollock

October 28

Will Franks

October 29

Jim Byrd
Todd Hohnsbehn
Jim Webb

October 30

Garrett Fanning
Morgan Lewis
John McCaskill

October 31

Clara Milam
Milton Sills

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2

Aziz & Sarah Ahmad

October 3

Steven Graves & Jim Irvin

October 4

Rick & Dondra Kujawski
Victor & Nammi Smith

October 5

George & Johanna Edens

October 6

Chris & Megan Hunt

October 8

Bryant Gauthier & Katy McGiffin
Dan & Jane Pajak
Dixie & Anthony Parks
Jim & Diane Steele

October 10

Mark & Sue Carlson

October 13

John & Cynthia Strickland
Jack & Kerrie Ulrich
Austin & Abbey Vernon

October 18

Dick & Cathy Harpster

October 19

William & Allyson Metro
Derrick & Robbie North

October 22

Ritche & Pam Moore

October 24

Craig & Kristin Floyd
Jeff & Jane Scruggs

October 26

Wiley & Dianne Barrett

October 28

Dennis & Trina Baggett
Dean & Grace Morrison

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND CONNECTION

Become a Stephen Minister—Training Now Open!

Are you called to care? Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church invites you to join our Stephen Ministry Training Program, a unique opportunity to extend God's healing love to those in need.

Why Stephen Ministry?

Make a meaningful difference: Transform lives and hearts by offering a listening ear and a caring presence to those in need.

Gain invaluable skills: Unlock powerful tools in Christian caregiving and empathetic communication, becoming a source of comfort and strength.

Join a supportive team: Experience the warmth of fellowship and encouragement within a devoted ministry community.

Mark Your Calendar!

[September 14 – Informational Session - Discover What Stephen Ministry is All About](#)

After the 2nd service—join us for lunch.

Stephen Ministry Training Schedule

[Saturday, November 1, 2025](#) | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM

[Sunday, November 2, 2025](#) | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

[Saturday, November 15, 2025](#) | 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM



What's Included?

Cost: \$50

Stephen Ministry Training Manuals Vol. 1 & 2

Christian Caregiving—a Way of Life

Caring Assertiveness: Relating Directly, Honestly, and with Respect

Stephen Ministry Guide to Mental Health Resources

Ready to Answer the Call?

Gerald Ostlund, Continuing Education Coordinator - gerald.ostlund@gmail.com or

Jeff Ward, Stephen Ministry Coordinator - Jeffrey.ward3@gmail.com.

Elizabeth Doolin, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Connection

Step forward in faith—become a Stephen Minister!

All Saints Evensong Service: Sunday, November 2, 4 PM, Brownson Sanctuary

November 2 is All Saints Sunday, in which we honor the lives of the saints who have joined the great cloud of witnesses. This service offers space for those who have lost a loved one to come together in worship. Together we will share in both grief and gratitude for those who have gone before us. Please join us for this special service as we remember our saints and seek God's peace through the power of worship.

Office Hours: Monday-Thursday 9-4 PM
Sunday Worship: 9 & 11:10 AM
Livestream Worship: 11:10 AM

2025 Session of Brownson

Alex Bowness | Andrew Benbow | Anne Friesen
| Art Edgerton Betsy Robinson | Bill Berger
Chris Hunt | B. Christian Freberg | David Malan
David Wood Gena Smith | Jane Howard
Kara Vonderkall | Kamron Monroe
Kathy McPherson | Keith Walvoord
Lee Pittman | Lisa Hughes | Mandy Berg
Mollie Calhoun | Morgan Strickland | Pat Henry
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